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Qld Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association

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The December 2020 General Meeting of the Association will be held in **The Captain's Room, Stuart Law Stand at QCHQ on Wednesday 16th December commencing at 7pm.**

President's Christmas Message

On behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you all for your efforts in the first half of the season and let's return rested and refreshed for the business end of the season.

To those of you who will be traveling through the holiday season please be careful on the roads and waterways. Whatever you do, don't drink and drive.

Finally, good luck to Donovan and our State Panel members with their Big Bash appointments over the holidays.

Peter Boland

Umpire Achievements

Congratulations to Steve Farley, Steve Bocking and Jim Torpey who have made their first-grade debuts. Steve was awarded his first-grade cap in November. Jim Torpey was presented Cap number 82 by Nathan James and Steve Farley was awarded Cap number 163 by Jim Torpey.

Steve Bocking has been allocated Cap number 164.

Other recent awards include: -

Steve Bocking	-	200 Game Badge
Craig Dore	-	200 Game Badge
Steve Farley	-	200 Game Badge
Nick Marjason	-	150 Game Badge
Daniel Rosolen	-	150 Game Badge
Greg Kotteakos	-	100 Game Badge



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MyMarathon

In response to the fund raiser for My MyMarathon in October, the marathon (42.2 kilometres) was completed to assist raising funds for lifesaving heart disease research.

We are happy to announce that a total of **\$931** was raised for the Heart Foundation.



We would like to thank those members who completed the course and also those members for their generous donations and support of this worthy fund.

General Playing Conditions

The 2019/20 General Playing Conditions will be in use for all the one and two-day fixtures being played in the upcoming rounds. <http://www.qcusa.qld.cricket.com.au/qpc-regulations-and-playing-conditions.aspx?rw=c>

New Members

We have had a number of new members who commenced Umpiring with our Association this season. A warm welcome to you all.

We hope you have a long and enjoyable time umpiring with QCUSA and Qld Cricket. For all you old and experienced members please make these people welcome and share a drink, or a tall tale or two about your experiences.

Availability

Entering and Updating your availability in MyCricket is mandatory.

Throughout the season please keep your availability as far in advance as possible. **As an absolute minimum, your availability should be entered one calendar month in advance.**

It is important you update your availability for the month of January, as Christmas is almost upon us and it can easily be forgotten. You could find yourself without a game for the first few weeks of January 2021 if you are not vigilant.

WHEN ENTERING YOUR AVAILABILITY BE SURE TO POPULATE ALL FIELDS. IF YOU ARE UNAVAILABLE PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT BLANK.

DO NOT ENTER "CONDITIONAL". REMEMBER TO PRESS THE UPDATE TAB AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN.

UNABLE TO STAND IN YOUR ALLOCATED GAME?

IF YOU CAN'T STAND IN YOUR ALLOCATED GAME OR HAVE ANY PROBLEMS ON GAME DAY PLEASE CONTACT IN THIS ORDER:

ALL GRADES

1. Ron Johnsen 0422 133 034
2. Mike Ralston 0478 093 159

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Selectors & Observers

Ron Johnsen is to be the **first point of contact for anything concerning selections.** For the season 2020/21, three selectors have been appointed to cover all grades and observations during the season. These are: -

- **Ron Johnsen**
- **Mike Ralston**
- **John Rowe**

Hot Weather

Temperatures are starting to increase in the current season and we need to be mindful of the very hot weather. Please use common sense in games this summer.

If the extreme temperatures that are forecast, eventuate, arrange before the match with the captains, to take extra drinks breaks.



Lightning and Storms

During the remainder of the season we are likely to encounter storms and lightening and as Umpires we need to be mindful of our actions when this eventuates.

If during the suspension of play thunder follows a lightning flash by thirty (30) seconds or less, the thirty (30) minute suspension period is to recommence.

Techniques to consider / Handy Hints:



- When at square leg position yourself so that the building storm is in front of you and not behind. This may mean that instead of being at square leg you go to point. Take a few steps back assuming the fielding side have a point. Please let your partner know as well as the fielding captain/batters at the crease. This shows that you are proactive and a good opportunity to make all aware of what you are doing.
- When off the field, please don't hide away in a room, be present (in a safe area) so that you can monitor further lightning strikes and or change in weather patterns.

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IMPORTANT DATES

<u>December General Meeting:</u>	Wednesday 16th December
<u>January General Meeting:</u>	Wednesday 20th January 2021
<u>Resumption - (1st -6th Grade):</u>	Saturday 9th January 2021
<u>Katherine Raymont Resumption</u>	Sunday 24th January 2021
<u>Jodie Fields Resumption</u>	Sunday 15th January 2021
<u>Umpire's Mid-Season Lunch:</u>	Friday 8th January 2021
<u>Annual Dinner – 2021:</u>	April 2021 – Date tba

Umpires Lunch

We will be having a lunch at the Paddo Tavern on **8th January 2021**.

Please mark this in your diary. You can relate your experiences from the first half of the season to anyone who might listen.

We have not been able to hold a lunch since early January 2020 and we are now overdue.

We have been arranging these lunches for approximately 5 years.

We hope you will be available. It will be excellent if we can get some of the new Umpires to attend.

MID-SEASON UMPIRES LUNCH

We are holding our next Umpires lunch on: - Friday January 8th. 2021

WHY?

- ***So, you can tell us about your wonderful Christmas and brag about all the beautiful Chrissie gifts you received.***
- ***So, you can have a laugh with your colleagues and tell us some war stories from the first half of the season.***

WHERE: PADDINGTON TAVERN
TIME: 12.15
RSVP: Jim Griffith 20th Dec. 2020
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Around the Regions

We welcome news for the December issue of the Black and Blue from the Darling Downs South West Queensland (DDSWQ) Zone. We look forward to receiving articles from other regions in future



West Darling Downs South Queensland (DDSWQ) Zone

The Darling Downs South West Zone extends from the Lockyer Valley in the east to all places west to the South Australian border and North to Charleville

Fact the combined area for this zone is some 399,515km² or approximately 23% of Queensland. Total Population - 304,704 or approximately 6.5% of Queensland.

There are **eleven (11)** Affiliated Cricket Associations within this DDSWQ Zone (Lockyer, Toowoomba, Central Downs, Dalby, Warwick, Stanthorpe, Goondiwindi, St George, Chinchilla, Roma and Charleville) with approximately 2500 senior and junior players. Each Association is responsible for organising their cricket activities for their players and many games require considerable distances to travel just to arrive at your location. Each individual association is also responsible for managing player Code of Conducts.

A variety of cricket is played amongst these associations and umpiring numbers are limited at best with many games not even seeing an umpire.

One day games 40 or 50 overs are common for Saturday cricket and when played representative games are 50 over games.

Please refer to attached table for Association information (based on 2019/2020 season statistics supplied by Adam Paroz Qld Cricket)

As mentioned above, umpires are a scarce commodity, and many factors can contribute to this.

Work is a large contributor, continuing to play and now with the ability to play in over 40 over 50 over 60 and 70 competitive cricket has taken away so many of our potential umpires.

Having taken on the role for DDSWQ zone as an umpire coordinator and working with Lauren Atkinson from Queensland Cricket in a regional umpire coordinator role I find that there are many challenges when it comes to sourcing and maintaining umpires across this large cricketing zone. I also have a role at my local association as the umpire coordinator, so I understand fully the task each week to source enough umpires just for 3 local games per weekend. Normally only enough for one umpire per game.

A recent update from Lauren Atkinson indicated there were over some 1450 umpires across all of Queensland and our zone when analysed had 77 Umpires, yet each association struggles each weekend to find and allocate umpires to games. An interesting part in the analysis was there are many current players who have registered and completed Community Cricket level one with the endeavour to understand the role of the umpire and decisions that have to make

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and the processes they endure during a game. It is hoped that when they finish playing there could be a lot more umpires to allocate to games.

Some challenges faced by many as a commitment to cricket include:

- Family Commitment – meeting every-day challenges;
- Permanent work which includes Saturday mornings so you might be right for this Saturday but not next when you are rostered to work, or continuing moving to seek employment;
- Farm commitments when the season and climate are right, then time must be spent on income production with on farm work;
- Competing agendas such as junior sports overlapping seasons with Cricket, soccer, football, netball commitments and little athletics. Another large commitment for these country areas is the rural fire brigade and their input not only into their own communities but other areas where they are sent. And we understand how busy the rural fire brigades were last year not only across Queensland, but interstate, as well.
- There is also a requirement to have a certificate to undertake this important role in cricket. Some people that take on umpiring cricket games just have a focus on getting a game of cricket in for those who want A GAME OF Cricket. This is their way of giving back to their associations where they played. This unfortunately is a requirement for insurance coverage.

Therefore, mentoring and support training is important across the zone to encourage new umpires into the fold and to maintain currency of rule and law changes.

This was evident in the recent get together, in September 2020, with Damian Mealey (Former first- class umpire), Bruce Oxenford (current Test Umpire) and Donovan Koch (Currently on first class panel) in Toowoomba prior to the commencement of the Toowoomba Big Bash opening games.

This 2 ½ hour session was conducted in a friendly atmosphere where questions were asked and comments back and forth were well received.

On pitch demonstrations were also well received. Our big thank you to Queensland Cricket, Damian, Bruce and Donovan - hoping to see you again next year.

A couple of comments that stuck with me were both from Bruce Oxenford

- Do not know how you umpire games by yourself – (this generally occurs every weekend across the zone apart from representative games).
- Remember when you umpire you could be umpiring someone's test game – meaning this might be their only opportunity at this level so you should treat each game you umpire as some ones' test game.

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The challenge for me in the next year is to endeavour to work with Queensland Cricket staff, appointed regional umpire coordinators in continuing the development of processes to

1. Encourage and support interested men, women, boys and girls into the ranks of umpires for their Associations
2. Engage with Queensland Cricket in the creation of opportunities to support and encourage up and coming umpires – mentoring in first instance and then as a recent development provide an opportunity to umpire a 2nd grade game in Brisbane with Damien Mealy (Qld Cricket Umpire coordinator). We currently have two umpires from Toowoomba competition nominated to have this opportunity in the current 2020/2021 season
3. Seek continued cooperation from Queensland Cricket to have their First-Class panel umpires or first grade umpires available to have information sessions with Communities to encourage and raise awareness of undertaking a umpiring career.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an overview of the Darling Downs South West Region. It is a large and diverse region and apart from having umpires in each association you can see from the statistics that cricket is very much alive in the bush.

I take this opportunity to wish all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. The season still has a long time to go, so if all are ready let's call "PLAY ", and enjoy the game.

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<u>Association</u>	<u>umpire to draw upon</u>	<u>Senior Teams</u>	<u>Competitions played</u>	<u>Juniors teams</u>	<u>over 50/60 teams</u>	<u>Representative Cricket</u>
Toowoomba	15	27	<p>A Grade, Reserve Grade (played on turf wickets) and C Grade (played on synthetic)</p> <p>Seniors one day 45 or 50 overs</p> <p>lower grades 40 overs</p> <p>Two-day games minimum 75 overs</p> <p>Toowoomba Big Bash T20 Competition (6 teams Compete)</p> <p>Harding Madsen Competition - Toowoomba v Ipswich played in early months of season</p>	86 teams include (U9 to U16): Master Blaster, Stage 1 blue and Red, Stage 2 Blue and Red, Stage 3 Blue U14s) and Red U16s) These numbers also include players from Oakey and Pittsworth.	4 (now in 2020/2021)	<p>Toowoomba, Central Downs, Lockyer, Warwick and Stanthorpe play for Mitchell shield one day 50 over games.</p> <p>This competition has been played over 50. Years.</p>
Warwick	8	7	<p>one day 40 over games played on turf and synthetic wickets</p> <p>WCA also conducts Australia day carnival each year - T20 games with 33 teams nominated</p>	10 Teams (4 U11, 4 U13 and 2 U16)		
Stanthorpe	5	5	one day 40 over games and T20 games played under lights played Turf wickets	2 U13 and 2 U15 teams		
Lockyer		17	One days and then 2-day games after Christmas – turf wickets			
Central Downs	2	6	40 over games – synthetic wickets			

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Goondiwindi		16		<p>2 U11,2 U13 and 2 U15</p> <p>2020/2021 update</p> <p>2 1 Mini's Club Cricket (Prep & Grade 1)</p> <p>2 Juniors Club Cricket (Grade 2-4)</p> <p>4 Intermediates Club Cricket (Grade 5 & 6)</p> <p>2 Teenage Club Cricket (Grade 7 -12)</p> <p>150 odd T20 Blasters Players, in the past we have had 180 odd.</p>		
St George	nil	6		6 teams (4 U14 and 2 U10s)		
Roma		12	T20 and 40 over games			
Charleville	Players and parents take on umpire roles	6	35 Over matches with final over 40 overs	6 Skill based games as well as 20/20 Matches		
Dalby						
Chinchilla		5		4 Junior sides U13		

The Darling Downs South West Queensland Zone also has junior representative teams in U11, U13, U15 competitions and has a U16 Lord Taverners Team.

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Donovan Koch and Andrew White (TCUA President)



Paul Barton (Toowoomba) and Bruce Oxenford

Some on field / pitch demonstrations and discussions - Toowoomba Captain Cook Oval 23 September 2020

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Damien Mealey, Greg Payne (DDSWQ Regional Umpire Coordinator) and Mark Vetter (Lockyer)



LOVE SPENDING TIME
IN THE MIDDLE?

BECOME A CRICKET UMPIRE

Umpires play an important role in all levels of cricket and without them, well it wouldn't be cricket. Umpires are impartial figures responsible for upholding the laws of cricket.

If you want to get paid to have the best seat in the house, visit www.qldcricket.com.au



Come out and see the Darling Downs South West Queensland Zone - Bring along your umpire kit as we could really use your support and mentoring

Be apart of Country Cricket – the real cricket played out side of the south east Corner.

Greg Payne, (RUC, Darling Downs and South West Queensland)

Upcoming Carnivals

If you are keen to umpire in Carnivals especially over the holiday season you need to be visiting the QCUSA Website. Carnivals coming up are as follows: -

MATCH

BNJCA Ian Healy Cup 2021

QSS 16-19yrs Boys Cricket State Championship 2021

DATES

**Monday 4 - Friday 8 January 2021
(tba)**

**Sunday 7 - Tuesday 9 March 2021
(Redlands)**

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Merchandise

Merchandise is looked after by the Social Committee. Please telephone or Email the following to place your orders.

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Andrew Moir **Email:** amoir@bigpond.com **Telephone:** 0427 022

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Merchandise orders that are to be collected on the weekend must be placed before the preceding Wednesday with Damien or Andrew. Please **DO NOT** leave placement of orders until Friday and request pickup on the weekend.

Merchandise Price List - 2020/21

Item	Price
BLK Umpire Blue Field Shirt	\$55.00
BLK Maroon Off-Field Shirt	\$50.00
Cap with Association Logo	\$15.00
BLK Water Bottle with Association Logo	\$12.00
White Avenel On Field Hat (XL, L, M & S) (Limited Quantity Available)	\$40.00
Black Avenel On Field Hat (XL, L, M & S) (Limited Quantity Available)	\$40.00
Hat Band with Association Logo	\$5.00
Belt Clip	\$5.00
BLK Carbon Gameday Gear Bag	\$60.00
BLK Carbon Premier Touring Bag (Wheels) (Special Order)	\$145.00
Association Tie (50th Anniversary Style)	\$15.00
Business Shirt (50th Anniversary Style)	\$40.00
Umpire Counter	\$10.00
Notebook and Cover	\$5.00
The Laws of Cricket 2017 Code (2nd Edition - 2019)	\$5.00

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